

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to the field of producing starter cultures. In particular, a method for customers in need of a starter culture with a consistent quality, is provided.

- 5 Specifically, the method involves the use of subsets of a stock inoculum material, which comprises a concentrate of starter culture organism cells to be propagated for direct inoculation of a cultivation medium, to obtain a starter culture whereby the conventional stepwise preparation of inoculum material for the production of a starter culture can be avoided. This novel method can be used for the manufacturing of starter cultures for the
- 10 food, feed or pharmaceutical industry. Furthermore, the method is useful in the cultivation of cells expressing desired products, such as primary and secondary metabolites, including e.g. enzymes and flavours.